Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Midyear 1986 Access Tariff Filings

Ameritech Operating Companies

BellSouth Telephone Companies

Pacific Bell

ORDER

Adopted: July 26, 1990;

Released: July 30, 1990

By the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau:

- 1. The above-captioned local exchange carriers (LECs) filed petitions for waiver¹ of that portion of the Commission's December 19 Order,² directing LECs to provide originating WATS access lines (WALs) with Feature Group A (FGA) and Feature Group B (FGB) services. A number of carriers previously were granted waivers of this requirement. ³ These waivers are scheduled to expire on August 1, 1990. The pending waiver petitions are unopposed.
- 2. In general, the LECs state that in order to provide WALs with FGA and FGB they would need to modify their billing systems. They assert that there is no demand for the service and that it would be unreasonable to incur the cost and divert resources necessary to offer a service that no interexchange carrier will order.
- 3. The pending waiver requests are similar to those filed by the LECs in the previous three years. As there continues to be no demand for the service at issue and the costs of providing the service are not insignificant, we conclude that a further one-year extension of the requests is warranted under the present circumstances.
- 4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the petitions for waiver filed by Ameritech Operating Companies, BellSouth Telephone Companies, and Pacific Bell, ARE GRANTED.
- 5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the waivers granted by this Order SHALL EXPIRE on August 1, 1991.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Richard M. Firestone Chief, Common Carrier Bureau

FOOTNOTES

- ¹ Petition for Continuation of Waiver, filed by Ameritech Operating Companies, July 13, 1990; Petition for Waiver, filed by the BellSouth Telephone Companies, June 18, 1990; Petition for Extension of Waiver, filed by Pacific Bell, June 22, 1990.
- ² Midyear 1986 Access Tariff Filings, 1 FCC Rcd 1247 (1986) (December 19 Order).
- ³ See Ameritech Operating Companies et al., Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Petitions for Indefinite Waiver, 2 FCC Rcd 4544 (Com.Car.Bur. 1987) (waiver granted to the Ameritech Operating Companies, Pacific Bell, the BellSouth Telephone Companies, and GTE Telephone Operating Companies); Centel Telephone Companies et al., Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, 2 FCC Rcd 5257 (Com.Car.Bur. 1987) (waiver granted to Centel and the Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies).